

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 617

BY SENATOR DONAHUE

SPECIAL DISTRICTS. Changes the composition of the board of commissioners of the St. Tammany Parish Development District. (8/1/12)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:130.402(A)(1) and (F), relative to the St. Tammany Parish Development District; to change the composition of the board of commissioners; to provide for quorum; to provide for special meetings; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:130.402(A)(1) and (F) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§130.402. Board of commissioners; members; officers; employees

A.(1) The district shall be governed by a board of commissioners consisting of ~~fifteen~~ **thirteen** members selected as set out herein. All members shall be qualified voters and taxpayers within the limits of the district during their term of office. The members of the board of commissioners shall be appointed and serve terms of office as follows:

(a) ~~One member shall be appointed by the president of St. Tammany Parish and shall serve a one-year term.~~ **Four members shall be appointed by the**

1 president of St. Tammany Parish. The initial appointment shall be made for
2 staggered terms as specified herein and at the termination of these initial terms
3 of office, the term of office shall be for three years. Initial terms, as designated
4 by the president of St. Tammany Parish, shall be as follows:

5 (i) One member shall be appointed for three years.

6 (ii) One member shall be appointed for two years.

7 (iii) Two members shall be appointed for one year.

8 ~~(b) Two members shall be appointed by the Municipal Association in St.~~
9 ~~Tammany Parish and shall serve one-year terms.~~ Four members shall be
10 appointed by the council of St. Tammany Parish. The initial appointment shall
11 be made for staggered terms as specified herein and at the termination of these
12 initial terms of office, the term of office shall be for three years. Initial terms,
13 as designated by the council, shall be as follows:

14 (i) One member shall be appointed for three years.

15 (ii) One member shall be appointed for two years.

16 (iii) Two members shall be appointed for one year.

17 ~~(c) One member shall be appointed by the Greater Slidell Area Chamber of~~
18 ~~Commerce and shall serve a one-year term.~~ Three members shall be appointed by
19 the St. Tammany Economic Development Foundation. The initial appointment
20 shall be made for staggered terms as specified herein and at the termination of
21 these initial terms of office, the term of office shall be for three years. Initial
22 terms, as designated by the foundation, shall be as follows:

23 (i) One member shall be appointed for three years.

24 (ii) One member shall be appointed for two years.

25 (iii) One member shall be appointed for one year.

26 ~~(d) One member shall be appointed by the St. Tammany West Chamber of~~
27 ~~Commerce and shall serve a one-year term.~~ One member shall be the St.
28 Tammany Parish President or his designee.

29 ~~(e) Two members shall be appointed by the council of St. Tammany Parish~~

1 and each shall serve a one-year term.

2 ~~(f) Six members shall be appointed by the St. Tammany Economic~~
3 ~~Development Foundation. The initial appointments shall be made for staggered terms~~
4 ~~as specified herein and at the termination of these initial terms of office, the term of~~
5 ~~office shall be for three years. Initial terms shall be as follows:~~

6 ~~(i) Two members shall be appointed for one year, as designated by the~~
7 ~~foundation.~~

8 ~~(ii) Two members shall be appointed for two years, as designated by the~~
9 ~~foundation.~~

10 ~~(iii) Two members shall be appointed for three years, as designated by the~~
11 ~~foundation.~~

12 ~~(g) One member shall be the St. Tammany chief administrative officer.~~

13 ~~(h)~~ One member shall be the executive director of the St. Tammany
14 Economic Development Foundation.

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16 F. The board of commissioners shall meet in regular session every month and
17 shall also meet in special session as often as the president of the board convenes
18 them or on the written request of ~~five~~ **four** members. ~~Eight~~ **Seven** members of the
19 board of commissioners shall constitute a quorum.

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21 Section 2. The terms of office of the members of the board of commissioners of the
22 St. Tammany Parish Development District who are in office on the effective date of this Act
23 shall terminate on that effective date. A new board shall be constituted and appointed
24 pursuant to the provisions of this Act. This Section shall not be construed to prevent the
25 reappointment of a member in office on the effective date of this Act.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Dawn Romero Watson.

DIGEST

Present law provides for the board of commissioners of the St. Tammany Parish
Development District to be composed of 15 members, comprised as follows:

- (1) One member appointed by the president of St. Tammany Parish who shall serve a one-year term.
- (2) Two members appointed by the Municipal Association in St. Tammany Parish who shall each serve a one-year term.
- (3) One member appointed by the Greater Slidell Area Chamber of Commerce who shall serve a one-year term.
- (4) One member appointed by the St. Tammany West Chamber of Commerce who shall serve a one-year term.
- (5) Two members appointed by the council of St. Tammany Parish who shall each serve a one-year term.
- (6) Six members appointed by the St. Tammany Economic Development Foundation. The initial appointments shall be made for staggered terms and at the termination of the initial terms of office, the term of office shall be for three years.
- (7) The St. Tammany chief administrative officer.
- (8) The executive director of the St. Tammany Economic Development Foundation.

Proposed law reduces the board to 13 members and provides for four appointments by the St. Tammany Parish President, four appointments by the St. Tammany Parish council, three appointments by the St. Tammany Economic Development Foundation, the St. Tammany Parish President or his designee and the executive director of the St. Tammany Economic Development Foundation. Provides for staggered initial terms of appointments and three-year terms thereafter.

Present law provides that the board of commissioners shall meet in regular session monthly and shall also meet in special session as often as the president of the board convenes them or on the written request of five members. Provides that eight members of the board of commissioners shall constitute a quorum.

Proposed law reduces a quorum of the board from eight to seven members and reduces the number of written requests by members for the calling of a special meeting from five to four commissioners.

Provides for board transition.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 33:130.402(A)(1) and (F))